

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed November 16, 2004, the Examiner rejected all claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for alleged indefiniteness for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner has alleged that the claim element "said fixed devices" lacks proper antecedent basis. However, Applicants respectfully submit that this element does indeed have proper antecedence basis, as noted in claim 1 as filed, lines 4-5, quoted below:

"In a radio signal based object location system wherein location devices are provided on articles for use in locating said articles, and wherein a database is maintained relating characteristics of radio signal transmissions between said location devices and **fixed devices** to locations within an area..."

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Furthermore, Applicants thank the Examiner for noting several informalities in the specification. By the foregoing amendment, Applicants have corrected these informalities.

Applicants submit that the application as amended is in condition for allowance. In the event that the application is not deemed in condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in an effort to advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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